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Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2003

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Week of 30 June-4 July 2003			
Monday, 30 June			
9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.		Opening of the session	
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters[1]	Annotated provisional agenda (E/2003/100)
			Proposed programme of work (E/2003/L.5)
			Status of documentation for the session (E/2003/L.6)
		High-level segment	
		Opening of the high-level segment	
		Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system	*World Economic and Social Survey, 2003* (E/2003/70), chap. I
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2	Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development (E/2003/51)
			Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Council (E/2003/33)

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		Ministerial round tables: • Natural resources and rural development in developing countries • Integrated approach to implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in the area of rural development • Global partnerships for rural development • Rural/urban interface and slums	
Tuesday, 1 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	General debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	Continuation of general debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
Wednesday, 2 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	Continuation of general debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2 (concluded)	Statements by ministers and high officials Conclusion of the high-level segment Adoption of the ministerial declaration	
		Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment	
Thursday, 3 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 3	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**	
		High-level panel on resources for operational activities for development[2]	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding of development cooperation activities of the United Nations system
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Dialogue with executive heads of United Nations funds and programmes	
Friday, 4 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Panel on lessons learned from field-level evaluations[3]	Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations organizations from their evaluation activities at the field level (E/2003/64)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Discussion with United Nations country teams	
Week of 7-11 July			
Monday, 7 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Introduction and general discussion of sub-items	

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	(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (E/2003/61)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding for development cooperation activities of the United Nations system
		Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations organizations from their evaluation activities at the field level (E/2003/64)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 2001 (E/2003/57)
		Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2003/CRP.1)
	(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2002 (DP/2003/1)
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (DP/2003/9)
		Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/13)
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (E/2003/34 (Part I))
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its annual session of 2003 (E/2003/34 (Part II))
		Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/48)
		Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (E/2003/36)
		Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (E/2003/14)

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			Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on strengthening consultations with the Member States on the *Human Development Report*, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264 (DP/2003/17)
			Decisions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its annual session of 2003 (DP/2003/26)
	(c)	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/58/39)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Extension of water-related technical cooperation projects to end-beneficiaries: bridging the gap between the normative and the operational in the United Nations system (case studies in two African countries)" (A/57/497); and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/497/Add.1)
		Coordination segment	
Tuesday, 8 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4	The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2003/67)
		Introduction and general discussion	Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2003/__ and E/2002/24) (also under item 13 (c))
			Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system

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3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Conference implementation: common goals and common challenges"	
Wednesday, 9 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	General discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Panel discussion on "Working together for rural development to help realize internationally agreed development goals"	
Thursday, 10 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (concluded)	Conclusion of the coordination segment	
		Adoption of the agreed outcome	
		Humanitarian affairs segment	
Friday, 11 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/58/85-E/2003/80)
		Theme: "Strengthening of the coordination of the United Nations humanitarian assistance, with particular attention to: (a) humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance; and (b) transition from relief to development"	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of United Nations system response in East Timor: coordination and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/2002/10); and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon" (A/58/85/Add.1-E/2003/80/Add.1)
		Introduction and general discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance"	
Week of 14-18 July			
Monday, 14 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "The transition from relief to development"	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Responding to the effects of HIV/AIDS and other widespread general diseases on humanitarian relief operations"	
Tuesday, 15 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Continuation of general discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (concluded)	Conclusion of the humanitarian affairs segment	
		Adoption of the outcome of the segment	

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		General segment[4]	
Wednesday, 16 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 6	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	
		(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development	President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (A/58/77-E/2003/62 and Add.1 and 2)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85)
		(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 6 (continued)	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	
Thursday, 17 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Dialogue with the Chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Economic and Social Council	
	Item 8	Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(a) Reports of coordination bodies	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002 (E/2003/55)
			Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)
		(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005	Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (introduction and sects. 9-27))
			Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)
		(c) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields	Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004 and 2005
		(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations informatics systems (including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate)

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		(g) Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2003/66)
		(i) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force	First annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (E/2003/56)
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	
		(b) Science and technology for development	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (E/2003/31)
			Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/58/74-E/2003/58)
	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti	Report of the Secretary-General on the long-term programme of support for Haiti (E/2003/54)
		(h) Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8)
			Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/86)
Friday, 18 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 10	Regional cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2003/15)
		Theme: "Development dimensions of trade negotiations: a regional perspective"	
		General discussion	Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2003/15/Add.1)
			Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2002 (E/2003/16)
			Summary of the economic and social situation in Africa, 2002 (E/2003/17)
			Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2003 (E/2003/18)
			Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2002 (E/2003/19)

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			Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2002-2003 (E/2003/20)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2003/45)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 10 (continued)	Regional cooperation General discussion	
	Item 9	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people
			Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2003/47)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/58/66)
	Item 11	Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan	Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/58/75-E/2003/21)
Week of 21-25 July			
Monday, 21 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to, and progress in the implementation of, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (also under item 14 (a))
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	

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		(m) Women and development	Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27)
	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	
		(a) Advancement of women	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27)
			Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to, and progress in the implementation of, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (also under item 7 (f))
			Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/59)
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	
		(f) Population and development	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (E/2003/25)
	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	
		(b) Social development	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (E/2003/26)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/58/67-E/2003/49)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/58/61-E/2003/5)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund (A/58/72-E/2003/53)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 13 (continued)	Economic and environmental questions	Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (also under item 14)
		(a) Sustainable development	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (E/2003/29)

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		Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (including its final recommendations on Maldives, and its recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of 2003 of the Council (E/2003/33)
	(d) Human settlements	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its nineteenth session (A/58/8)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda
	(e) Environment	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (A/58/25)
	(i) United Nations Forum on Forests	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (E/2003/42)
	(l) Transport of dangerous goods	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2003/46)
	(c) Statistics	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (E/2003/24)
		Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2003/___ and E/2002/24) (also under item 4)
	(g) Public administration and development	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its second session (E/2003/44)
	(h) International cooperation in tax matters	No advance documentation
	(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1)
		Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (E/2003/63)
	(k) Cartography	Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/2003/4)

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Tuesday, 22 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Item 13 (concluded)	Economic and environmental questions	
	Item 12	Non-governmental organizations	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the first part of its 2003 regular session (E/2003/32 (Part I))
	Item 15	Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system	Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/4)
	Item 16	Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system	Report of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies (E/2003/60) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a communication received from the World Tourism Organization (E/C.1/2003/2)
	Item 14 (continued)	Social and human rights questions	Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (also under item 13)
		(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (E/2003/30) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
		(d) Narcotic drugs	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (E/2003/28) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2002 (E/INCB/2002/1)
		(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/2003/68 and E/2003/L.4)
		(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/58/80-E/2003/71)
		(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on the information and comments received from Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions pursuant to Council resolution 2001/39

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Wednesday, 23 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 14 (concluded)	Social and human rights questions	
		(g) Human rights	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (E/2003/23)
			Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions (E/2003/22)
			Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2003/73)
		(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second annual session (E/2003/43)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues as requested in paragraph (e) of Council decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001 (E/2003/72)
3 p.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Thursday, 24 July			
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 25 July		*Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 2003*	

[1] Item 1 remains open throughout the substantive session and includes the consideration of documents E/2003/6, E/2003/7, E/2003/10 and E/2003/65 (to be issued).

[2] Complete title: high-level panel on "Resources for operational activities for development, reviewing the progress made on the issue of funding on development cooperation activities of the United Nations".

[3] Complete title: panel on "An impartial and independent assessment of the extent to which the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies at the field level learn lessons from their evaluations and to formulate proposals on how to improve the feedback mechanisms at the field level".

[4] Including consideration, under item 1, of the note by the Secretary-General on the themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/65).